

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### “Do Like He Done!”

Several years ago a newly-hired salesman stunned his superiors with his first report, for it revealed that he was nearly illiterate. He wrote to his home office: “I seen this outfit who aint never got a dimes worth of nuthin from us and sole them sum goods.” But before he could be fired, a second letter arrived. It read: “I came to Chicawgo an sole them haff a millyon.”

The sales manager dumped the problem into the president’s lap. The next day the staff was amazed to see the salesman’s letter on the bulletin board, with this memo:

“We ben spendin two much time tryin to spel instead of tryin to sell. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch, who is doin a grate job, and you should go out and do like he done!”

Sometimes we get so preoccupied with appearances that we lose sight of our primary purpose. We care more about how others see us or how we present the message flawlessly than about just pointing people to Jesus. The power is in the message, not in the eloquence of the speaker.

When opportunities present themselves for us to share the good news with others maybe we should remember this salesman. Just go out and “do like he done!”

“It’s not in the flash of the style that you hone,  
Or all the degrees you’ve compiled;  
The Savior is looking for servants who own  
The warm, willing heart of a child. —Gustafson

—Al Behel

**Welcome Mike and Gail Jacobs!** We are pleased to have Mike and Gail from South Africa with us today. Our congregation has been involved in helping support them for the past 10 years as they have done an excellent job working as missionaries in the native city of Cape Town, both strengthening the church there and evangelizing that region. They have temporarily moved to California for Mike to continue working on his doctoral degree. The work in Cape Town will continue uninterrupted as the church there already has a replacement and expects to be self-supporting within the next five years. Mike will be speaking for us this morning.

### Picture Time—Please Have Yours Made

In order to make it easier to identify everyone and to meet a request by visitors, we are in the process of preparing a pictorial bulletin board in the hallway to the right of the front lobby. Bryan Kendrick, Marijane Hill, and Tracey Kihlberg are taking pictures following morning and evening worship in the fellowship hall. Please sign the list in the front lobby to indicate the time you wish to have yours taken. Those unable to have one taken may submit a 4x6 print to be used. If you have questions please see Beth Hayes who is coordinating the picture project. Each picture will be mounted using an easy to use plastic sleeve allowing for convenient rearranging when changes need to be made.



**Food Contact For Month:** Patty Adair and Priscilla Dick

**Elder Contact for Month:** Jim Anderson (865-924-1067)

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—Michael Jacobs will be our speaker  
P.M.—“Attitudes: It Ain’t over Til It’s Over!”

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

### Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**— suffering many health issues. Prayers and cards are encouraging and appreciated.
- Sheryle Elkins**-continuing treatment for cancer. Her scan showed the chemo is working! Praise God! Please keep praying for her and Dan.
- Dan Elkins**— dealing with several health issues.
- Bill Green**—suffering from many health issues.
- Les Jewell** is continuing to improve following a recent brainstem stroke. It good to have him and Barbara back with us.
- James Crowson** (who moved her from Florida several months ago) was hit head-on in a collision last Tuesday. He suffered a broken bone in his neck and will be in a brace for 12 weeks.
- Ron and Carolyn Sommerville**—keep praying.
- Hubert Compton** - recovering from surgery
- Charles & Frances Copeland**- great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder.

### Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

- Meagan White**, Joyce’s cousin, pain post brain surgeries.
- Sue & Marc Hayes’ sister-in-law, **Jane Hufford**, second transplant (peripheral blood transplant rather than bone marrow transplant) appears to be successful. Prayers are requested for her.
- Jessica Anderson**, 35 year old niece of the Tollivers, has stage 3 breast cancer. Double mastectomy was done recently.
- B.W. Ausborn**, frequent visitors from Fulton, MS.—bladder cancer. His wife, Irene, has requested that we pray for him.
- Rick Cliett’s niece, **Penny**—liver failure. She is doing a little better.
- Prayer request for **Tim Tolley**, Charlotte Jones’ brother.
- Craig Hux**, frequent visitor from Greeneville, has requested prayer for him as he faces surgery on October 31 in Greeneville.
- Jesse Cox**, Sue Hayes’ nephew— T-boned by drunk driver in auto accident in Nashville and suffered serious injuries. He is a police officer. He is in a wheel chair and is healing faster than was predicted due to his youth and good health
- Ladies Bible Class Resumes:** Polly Cline is leading a study on the first and third Tuesdays on “Hunger In My Soul-The Intentional God”
- Baptistry Replacement:** Tom Elkins is in the process of removing and replacing our baptistry due to continued leaks and dysfunction of the heater. Completion date is projected for the end of October. Our thanks to Tom for his good work.

### Special Events

**Men’s Prayer Session**  
Monday mornings at 8:30

**Sunday Adult Class**  
Titus 2 —Al Behel

**Wednesday Night Class**  
Rick Cliett will lead a study in the  
“Sermon on the Mount”

### Times of Services

Sunday A.M.  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM

### Building Fund

Loan balance on 09/15/17 is **\$937,556.96**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pews.

### Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: [www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com](http://www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com).